



# USS San Juan (SSN 751)

Commander Naval Submarine Forces

Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet

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## Commander Harvey L. Guffey, Jr. United States Navy

Commander Guffey, a native of Ellenboro, North Carolina, graduated from North Carolina State University in May 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. After attending Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI, he was commissioned in September 1986.

Following completion of Nuclear Propulsion Training in Orlando, Florida and at the S1C Prototype in Windsor Locks, Connecticut, he served as Staff Officer for Training at S1C Prototype for one year and was subsequently assigned to USS MARIANO G. VALLEJO (SSBN 658 (GOLD)), homeported in Charleston, South Carolina. Serving as Electrical Assistant, Reactor Controls Assistant, Chemistry/Radiological Assistant, Damage Control Assistant and Communicator, Commander Guffey completed four strategic deterrent patrols.

In September 1991, Commander Guffey reported to Naval Nuclear Power School in Orlando, Florida as an instructor in the Reactor Dynamics/Core Characteristics (RD/CC) curriculum. During this tour, he also served as the RD/CC Division Director, and was designated by the Chief of Naval Education and Training as a Master Training Specialist.

In May 1994, he assumed duties as Engineer Officer on PCU CHEYENNE (SSN 773) in Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, Newport News, Virginia. During his tour the ship completed new construction and shakedown operations.

In August 1997 he reported to the staff of the Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet as a member of the Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board.

In November 1999, Commander Guffey relieved as Executive Officer of USS SEAWOLF (SSN 21). During his tour, SEAWOLF completed Weapons System Accuracy Testing, AN/BSY-2 Technical and Operational Evaluation and the ship's inaugural deployment to the Northern Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea.

Following his Executive Officer tour, he served on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations (Submarine Warfare Division, OPNAV N77) as the Assistant, Staff Plans, Liaison and Assessments from February 2001 to August 2003. He then completed training and subsequently reported as Prospective Commanding Officer, USS SAN JUAN (SSN 751) in March 2004.

Commander Guffey's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (five awards) and the Navy Achievement Medal (four awards), as well as several unit awards.

## Technology and Tradition

The first San Juan (SP-1352) was built in 1904 by J.F. Duthie of Seattle, Washington and acquired by the Navy on 20 December 1917 on charter from the San Juan Packing Company of Seattle. She was converted for use as a minesweeper and patrol boat and commissioned on 8 March 1918 under the command of Ensign R.W. Jackson, USNRF. After the end of World War I, her services were no longer required and in February 1919, she was decommissioned and returned to her owner.

The second San Juan (CL-54) was laid down on 15 May 1940 by the Bethlehem Steel Company of Quincy, MA. She was launched on 6 September 1941 and commissioned on 28 February 1942. During World War II, she participated in several of the great naval campaigns in the Pacific theater. San Juan arrived at Bremerton, WA for inactivation on 24 January 1946 and was decommissioned on 9 November 1946.

Technology has dramatically changed the size and capability of naval warships since the original San Juan served her country in World War I, but the mission of the USS San Juan (SSN 751) has not significantly changed. That mission is to protect the security interests of the United States of America.

## Facts and Figures

- **Builders:** Newport News Shipbuilding Co.; General Dynamics Electric Boat Division
- **Powerplant:** One nuclear reactor, one shaft
- **Length:** 360 feet (109.73 meters)
- **Beam:** 33 feet (10.06 meters)
- **Displacement:** Approx. 6,900 tons (7010.73 metric tons) submerged
- **Speed:** 20+ knots (23+ miles per hour; 36.8+ KPH)
- **Crew:** 13 officers, 121 enlisted
- **Armament:** Tomahawk cruise missiles, VLS tubes (719 and later), MK48 torpedoes, four torpedo tubes